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SF 1691-S is identical with T-1 in the report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56; T-3 in the report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56; T-2 in the report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56; and T-1 in the report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 10/30/56.

Former SF 1720-S, GEORGE PECK, is identical with T-2 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

Former SF 1510-S, FRANK TOWNSEND, is identical with T-3 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

SF 413-S is identical with T-4 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

Former CSSF 2077-S is identical with T-5 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

SF 1780-S is identical with T-8 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

BENNIE MAGDOFF, a source of information, is identical with T-1 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56; T-3 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56; and T-2 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 10/30/56.

FRANK MC CORMICK is identical with T-2 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56.

MORRIS SHAW, former PSI, is identical with T-4 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56.

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1, 100-376760 (TOM MC PHERSON)
1, 100-398781 (RAY STEWART)
1, 100-277191 (WALTER STICH)
1, 100-236416 (NILS LANNGE)
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SF 2292-S is identical with T-5 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56; T-4 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56; and T-3 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 10/30/56.

Mr. FRANK MC CANN, Assistant Manager, Crocker-Anglo National Bank, Market and Jones Street Office, San Francisco, is identical with T-7 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56; T-11 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56; and T-4 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 10/30/56.

SF 1861-S is identical with T-8 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56, and T-7 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56.

LA 3930-S is identical with T-9 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56, and T-6 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56.

CSPH 202-S is identical with T-1 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56.

SF 1773-S is identical with T-8 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56.

Former 1787-S is identical with T-5 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56. This former informant is presently in Chicago and the information required from him would be concerning LA 3930-S, who is a current active informant, therefore, no lead has been sent to Chicago to contact 1787-S as to his availability in accordance with Bureau instructions as outlined in Bureau airtel to San Francisco, dated 3/18/57.

Enclosed herewith are twenty-four copies of memorandum regarding availability of informants to testify in administrative proceeding against Committee Against Waterfront Screening.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
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COMMITTEE AGAINST WATERFRONT
SCREENING
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Re Departmental memorandum to Bureau, dated March 13, 1957, and Bureau airtel to San Francisco, dated March 18, 1957.

San Francisco T-2 as reflected in the report of LEO F. TULLY, dated May 10, 1956, reported on April 26, 1956 that the following took place at a meeting of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party, San Francisco County, held April 25, 1956. The following were present: ERNIE FOX, identified by SF T-2 as organizer of the Waterfront Section who acted as chairman; CHARLES COLLINS, HAL DIFFERDING, TOM MC PHERSON, RAY STEWART, WALTER STICH, NILS LANNGE, and JOHN PITTMAN.

Among the various items reported by SF T-2 concerning this meeting was the following:

"WALTER STICH then gave a report on the Screening of Seamen stating that the dance given by the CAWS had collected a good deal of money and enabled them to send literature and letters to the screened seamen. STICH stated that he had been in contact with lawyers and since Judge MURPHY is out of town until next month it will be two weeks after he hears arguments before he will issue an injunction against U. S. Coast Guard and in favor of screened seamen, although the specific provisions of order are not known, attorneys feel certain of outcome. Judge MURPHY has not definitely stated so, but has indicated that U. S. Coast Guard has used law illegally and the Federal Bureau of Investigation has stated they will not run over sources of information on which U. S. CG based the screening which leaves USCG cut on a limb."

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ENCLOSURE

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WITNESS

T-2 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

T-3 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

T-4 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

T-5 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

T-8 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

T-1 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56; T-3 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56; and T-2 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 10/30/56 are identical.

DESCRIPTION

An individual who is presently serving a five year sentence which he received on 2/2/55 for conviction of conspiracy to sell and possess narcotics.

This witness is deceased.

Current active informant.

An individual who furnished information to this Bureau on a confidential basis who does not desire his identity be disclosed and who is unwilling to testify.

Current active informant.

BENNIE MAGDOFF
Hotel Stanford
Room 518
251 Kearney Street
San Francisco
Telephone: GA 1-7670
MAGDOFF born 1/31/97 in Mintz, Russia; Naturalized 3/19/27, San Francisco; Education, grade school; Marital Status, widower; Military Service, Private British Expeditionary Forces, 1918-1920, Honorary Discharge; Employment, 1936-1945 NUMCS delegate on the SS Matsonia, 1945-1949 NUMCS patrolman San Francisco, 9/49-5/50 NUMCS Gulf Representative at New Orleans. Presently unemployed.

It is to be noted that Mr. MAGDOFF has a heart condition having had two heart attacks since 1948 and this is his reason for present unemployment.

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WITNESS

DESCRIPTION

Mr. MAGDOFF had never been a member of the Communist Party, however, he advised the San Francisco Office that in 1945 he attended two Seaman Branch meetings at 1402 Powell Street, San Francisco and that in 1946 he attended WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's meeting at the Coliseum Bowl, San Francisco. MAGDOFF stated that at the time the attendance at the above meetings were made mandatory by the NUMCS and that if attendance were voluntary, he would not have gone. MAGDOFF is willing to testify to the information furnished the FBI Office, however, he advised that he received the information from an acquaintance, as it is noted that he never attended a CAWS meeting.

T-2 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56.

An individual who furnished information to this Bureau on a confidential basis who does not desire his identity be disclosed and is unwilling to testify.

T-4 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56.

MORRIS LAMBERT SHAW
355 Victoria Street
San Francisco
Telephone: JU 6-4716.
SHAW is a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, San Francisco, from Spring, 1947 or 1948 to Spring of 1950 or 1951.
SHAW was born on 3/30/00 at Hamburg, Arkansas.
FBI Identification Division record reflects that SHAW was received at the State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Arkansas

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WITNESS

DESCRIPTION

on October 21, 1952 to serve five years for Grand Larceny. Mr. P. C. CROSBY, agent for the Northern Pacific Railroad, Hamburg, Arkansas, advised on March 16, 1956 that he knew SHAW for about eight years from 1938-1945 and stated that SHAW drank to excess, that he was a person of no responsibility, and he would not recommend him for a position of responsibility. He further stated that SHAW had written bad checks all his life, and when he made any money, he would write a check in a surrounding town and use the money to buy whiskey. CROSBY stated that sometime in the early 1930's SHAW got in a knife fight with another Negro in Hamburg, Arkansas and was placed in jail. CROSBY stated that it was to his recollection that the injured Negro died about a year after the knifing, however, he did not believe that SHAW was charged with the death of the other man. Records of the Hamburg, Arkansas Police Department failed to reflect any record that SHAW had been in jail in Hamburg, Arkansas, however, Mr. WILLIAM HADEN, Chief of Police at Hamburg, Arkansas, advised March 16, 1956 that he remembered SHAW had been in a fight and had seriously wounded another man in Hamburg in the 1930's. SHAW stated that he is willing to testify to the information that he furnished to the FBI.

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